

# ALL THINGS NEW

Sun, Jan 19, 2025

## 8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

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| Welcome and Call to Worship         |  | Rachel Poysky |
| Songs of Praise                     | <i>Rejoice / Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>                    |               |
| *Prayer of Confession and Assurance |  | Brett Hurst   |
| Song of Preparation                 | <i>The Solid Rock</i>  |               |
| Moment of Prayer                    |  | Rachel Poysky |
| Song of Preparation                 | <i>Oh but God</i>  |               |
| Message                             | <b>All Things New: New Eyes</b><br><a href="#">2 Kings 6:8-23 NRSV</a> | Alf Halvorson |
| Song of Response                    | <i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>                                       |               |

## 9:45 SERVICE

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| Welcome and Call to Worship      |  | Michael Middleton |
| Songs of Praise                  | <i>Here for You / Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)</i>               |                   |
| Moment of Confession & Assurance |  | Hillary McMullen  |
| Song of Preparation              | <i>Oh but God</i>  |                   |
| Message                          | <b>All Things New: New Eyes</b><br><a href="#">2 Kings 6:8-23 NRSV</a> | Alf Halvorson     |
| Song of Response                 | <i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i>                                       |                   |
| Moment of Prayer and Connection  |  | Sally Henien      |

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Chris Parrott, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys;  
Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

## 11:15 SERVICE

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| Prelude  | <i>Fantasia in E</i>   | Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)  |
| Welcome and Call to Worship                    |  | Rachel Poysky                   |
| Choral Introit                                 | <i>Immortal, Invisible</i>   | arr. Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975) |
| *Hymn of Praise #466                           | <i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>                                | Vs. 1, 2, 4   AZMON             |
| *Prayer of Confession and Assurance            |  | Rachel Poysky                   |
| *Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles' Creed |  |                                 |
| Anthem   | <i>Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love Prevail) with Piano Solo</i>    | Ola Gjelo (b. 1978)             |
| Baptism  |  | Alf Halvorson                   |
|  | Abigail Danielle Shindler, daughter of Dillon and Danielle Shindler    |                                 |
| Anthem of Preparation                          | <i>Give to My Eyes, Lord</i>   | Ronald Corp (b. 1951)           |
| Message  | <b>All Things New: New Eyes</b><br><a href="#">2 Kings 6:8-23 NRSV</a> | Alf Halvorson                   |
| Postlude                                       | <i>March of the Priests</i>  | W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)        |

Musicians at 11:15: Sanctuary Choir; Kelli Estes & Riley Vagis, soloists;  
Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

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Join us in the Gathering Room for a casual gathering to get to know MDPC through a conversation with one of our pastors. Details at [discover.mdpc.org](https://discover.mdpc.org).



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Young professionals, come hear from experts and professionals sharing practical and spiritual guidance for approaching your work. Learn more: [yaevents.mdpc.org](https://yaevents.mdpc.org)



**Thu, Jan 23 • 6:30-8pm • Summit Room**

All women from the Fuente, Brazilian, and English-speaking congregations are invited to a night of good food, conversation, and prayer! RSVP: [together.mdpc.org](https://together.mdpc.org)



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Join Men's Life this spring for three quick Tuesday morning sessions as we give one-on-one relationships a closer look. Learn more and sign up: [mlnextsteps.mdpc.org](https://mlnextsteps.mdpc.org)



**Tuesdays, Feb 4-Mar 25 • 1pm**

Got a senior in high school? Or newer to "empty nesting"? Join us for a 7-week book study of *Empty Nest Full Life* by Jill Savage. Register at [nesting.mdpc.org](https://nesting.mdpc.org).



**Fri-Sun, Feb 7-9 • Iron Horse Ranch**

Join MDPC Women's for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship! Our speaker will be Leigh McLeroy. Learn more and register at [women.mdpc.org](https://women.mdpc.org).



**Tue, Feb 4 and 11 • 1-3pm**

Wondering why you walked into a room? Can't find your phone? In this free program, we'll address the 4 most common memory complaints: [memory.mdpc.org](https://memory.mdpc.org)



**Sun-Sat, May 4-10 • Honduras**

Serve alongside fellow MDPC ladies helping communities acquire clean water and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ. [livingwater.mdpc.org](https://livingwater.mdpc.org)



**Feb 22 and 23, 2025**

This annual all-church service project is when MDPC leaves the pews to serve our city! Registration opens Jan 27. Learn more at [citc.mdpc.org](https://citc.mdpc.org).

**Financial Update**

Updates will resume publication after Session votes on the new budget in January.

**Births and Deaths**

Barbara Butler passed away Jan 11, 2025. Ginny Fann passed away Jan 11, 2025.

More information at [memorials.mdpc.org](https://memorials.mdpc.org).

## All Things New: New Eyes • [2 Kings 6:8-23 NRSV](#)

This is the first in our six-week Winter Sermon Series on the newness we can find in Christ. New Year/New You can sound trite, but in 2 Cor. 5:17, Paul writes, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" What new things can we live into because we are apprentices of Jesus our Savior and Lord?

1. Did you take on goals or new resolutions for 2025? Google says that the second Friday of January is "quit day," because so many people give up their New Year's Resolutions so quickly. What part of your life do you wish could become new or different or changed for the positive?
2. Read 2 Kings 6:8-15. What is the problem that Elisha and his attendant face? What would you tend to do in that situation? In my sermon, I tried to suggest that we all find ourselves in Dothan sometimes, surrounded by enemies. When was a time you were in a difficult situation like that in your life? What did you do? How did you somehow emerge in tact?
3. Read 2 Kings 6:16-17. What does Elisha tell the attendant to do in verse 16? If you were the attendant, what would you think of Elisha's advice? After all, there were just the two of them, with maybe a few non-soldier townspeople against the horses, chariots, and army of the King of Aram. They were outnumbered, outgunned, and Elisha seemed out of his mind. But then verse 17 happens. What did Elisha do? And how did Elisha's prayer change everything? What does the attendant see with his own eyes? What do we need to be reminded of from these two verses when we are seemingly surrounded and without hope?
4. Read 2 Kings 6:18-23. How does Elisha, with God's help, resolve this conflict? Why not have the enemies killed? How might Romans 12:14-21 further enlighten our text and our approach to similar situations? Where might we be challenged to take a "healing" tack with our enemies?
5. I shared examples from Scripture and told stories where God is not only our Creator but our Deliverer. Share your own stories of God's deliverance in your life. How can you see differently going forward, and live out what vs. 16 admonishes, "Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them"?